

## **GUIDELINES for 2026 Wilson County Master Gardener Education Award**

The Wilson County Master Gardener Association is offering a \$1500 education award to a graduating high school senior pursuing a career in agricultural or environmental sciences, horticultural or landscape architecture, or related field, depending on the availability of WCMG funds.

Wilson County Master Gardener Association offers its program to all eligible persons, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or veteran status.

Requirements to qualify for the education award are as follows:

- The applicant must be a resident of Wilson County, Tennessee, graduating from high school in Wilson County.
- Applicants must provide a copy of an acceptance letter from their intended university, college, or post-secondary training program and a high school transcript.
- Applicants must present two letters of recommendation. Letters may be from a guidance counselor, teacher or club advisor, and/or an employer.
- A 300-500-word essay is required, including the following information:
  1. Why you are applying for this education award.
  2. Academic interests and achievements.
  3. Groups or organizations in which you have been an active member.
  4. Hobbies or interests.
  5. Leadership and volunteer service roles you've had in your school or community.
  6. Plans for your future education and career choice.
  7. How this award will help you achieve your educational goals.

The Wilson County Master Gardener Education Award Committee will receive and review applications. The **deadline for applications is March 18, 2026.**

Applicant interviews will be scheduled for the week of March 23-27, 2026, at the Wilson County Extension Office.

The award recipient and family/friends will be invited to attend the May evening Master Gardener meeting to receive the award.